ARBUCKLE AFFAIR "LAST STRAW" IN SERIES OF MOVIE SCANDALS

Testimony at Fatty's Trial Will Reveal Wickedness Long Kept From Public.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—"The Arbuckle and the Zelda Crosby scandals have come at the psychological moment, and the moving pictures will be cleansed and benefited because of

This is the opinion of a well-known moving picture producer who has been making pictures since 1910. The views of this man, who has watched the rise of the star system, are the views of the majority of the producers in the business. Here is his analysis of the moving picture situation as he outlined it:

Was Proverbial Straw.

The Arbuckle affair was the straw that broke the camel's back. It was the climax of a series of orgies that had its beginning away back in the days when individuals were first regarded as "stars" and assets. cause of these orgies was the sudden acquiring of large sums of money by ople who had no education in the handling of money.

the excesses committed by highset" among the politicians, certain members of society, moving picture magnates and munificently-paid movcisco that shocked even newspaper men who attended them. In fact, temperament. "moving picture banquets" had re- In the eve ceived such an aroma of uncontrolled of the biggest cities have been known tions to them.

Orgies Concealed.

kept from the knowledge of the pub-lic. They were private affairs. When the Arbuckle case comes to be aired in court the names of the men conwith it will be found to be the names of the men mixed up in the Boston orgy of last year and of many other parties of similar nature stretching back for the last decade.

The moving picture magnate, for love of whom Zelda Crosby is said to have taken her life, is one of the men who has religiously attended wild moving picture party since he entered the industry.

The star system, now in vogue in The star system, now in vogue in moving pictures, but already on the wane, has been responsible for such things as the Boston party, at which things as the Boston party, at which things are moving for \$1,100 a week, are now working for \$1,100 a week and are very glad to get it. Among the leadof hundreds of thousands by blackmailers. It is also indirectly responsible for the party in the San Francisco hotel in which Virginia Rappe first showed symptoms of the illness that caused her death.

Fatty a Case in Point.

Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle himself is a lamentable product of the star sys-Before he went into the pic he was first a farm lad. a bar boy, then a cheap barnstorm ing "ham" actor. Even his advent into the pictures was shrewd management of Mack Sennett, who with David Wark Griffith constantly decried the star system with its magnifying of the impor-tance of the individual actor. Sentional two years at a small increase tional two years at a small increase gated to second place, and obeyed the ever the price he had originally paid director unquestionably. him before he was known. And Ar buckle, a star of the first magnitude, worked under this contract and was perfectly satisfied.

sums of money which he could never good-natured, rather stupid and ab-

Desire for Publicity.

He wanted to be in the public eye feared the loss of their investment, the moving picture industry. constantly gained his ear to tell him

Fatty Arbuckle. death is not especially typical of the moving pictures. You will find him in droves in Wall Street, in small towns wherever young women can stimulate pictures. He is prominent in that field. And his alleged part in the girl's

the people in pictures Virginia Rappe had not died in the poctures will correct themselves. midst of an orgy, and even if the his voice is lost in the chorus of shortyoung scenario writer, elda Crosby sighted reformers who clamor for Purhad not committed suicide and the itan controland their names in the movie magnate had not been connect- papers. ed with her death, the moving pictures would in time have reclaimed doubtedly been shocked opinion had been gradually becoming of wild orgies that have grown from aware of the doings of the high-sal- it. Legislators are already being aparied children of fortune who had proached and pressure has been come into untold wealth because of brought to bear upon them to pass

their beautiful faces or forms. pressed belief that the star system when money is imperiled, the owners was obnoxious and a hindrance to the of that money seek to better condimoving picture as a form of enter- tions. Public opinion has been forced

NEW VIEWS OF "FATTY" AND HIS \$25,000 CAR AIRMEN WRECK



The famous \$25,000 automebile of Roscoe ("Fatty") Ar-buckle, which may be seized because of having been used to transport liquor to "Fatty's" rum party.

ray, Mabel Normand, Fatty Arbuckle, Chester Conklin, Bebe Daniels, Wanda Hawley, Fay Tincher and others of the aristocracy of moving picture star

Excessive Salaries.

Both these men paid "paitry" moving picture salaries or about ten times what the actors could have made in any other line of endeavor and, in For years every member of every any other line of endeavor and, in studio in the United States has known many cases, twenty times as much as they were worth. They are both hard taskmasters. They demand more of salaried moving picture stars and their taskmasters. They demand more of satellites, here, in Chicago and on their people than other producers. the coast. For years the "swifter And they get it."

After every big Griffith or Sennett picture a group of new stars have made their first appearance before the ing picture performers have indulged public. Consequent to the publicity in orgies from Boston to San Fran-that follows their appearance, they show certain signs of the inevitable

In the event that they are not under contract, both Griffith and wickedness that the men about town Sennett cheerfully allow them to go to other companies under contracts to pay hundreds of dollars for invita- calling for tremendous salaries and bend their energies to the creation of new stars. "I can make a star out of any man

These orgies have been carefully or woman presentable in appearance and reasonably intelligent. Griffith has said time and again. "But I cannot often get a story that I want. If stories were as easily made nected either directly or indirectly as stars there would be no money in the moving pictures."

Movie Depression.

So other producers are beginning to recognize this. Proof of it can be found among the agencies furnishing actors for moving pictures both on Broadway and on the coast. The last two years of depression in moving pictures have sounded the knell of the

ing people who once demanded and received from \$750 to \$1,000 a week the price has dropped to \$200 and \$250 A well-known star who has just finished an eight-week contract at a weekly salary of \$10,000 has announced that she is available to producers at \$2,500. Other stars who have been in the eyes of the moving picture public for years are being dropped because of temperament, old age, incompetency or excessive salary

In the spring of last year one great producer imported one of England's best-known dramatists and writers and several of the best-known Ameri can authors to write directly for the screen. These authors had a hand in every stage of the produc the making of the sets to the casting nett signed Arbuckle for an addi- of the pictures. The star was rele-

"Orchestra Stunt."

The "orchestra stunt," as is carled the presence of an orchestra on the It was under the stimulus of huge set to enable the actor or actress to sums of money which he could never have otherwise earned, that this big good-natured, rather stunid and about or she is portraying was done away normally fat comedian started on the with. The stars worked under the career which landed him in a jail cell with a charge of murder hanging over turn, listened very respectfully to the suggestions of the author, who sat next to him on the director's platform. The result was better pictures and increased revenue for the producer. And Constant adulation had destroyed his that is the only answer that will ever ective. Flatterers, among which satisfy the producers and that will rewere the men who hired him and who sult in increased moral standards in

It is not believed in moving picture what a great man he was. Fatty natur-circles that the story of "Fatty" Arally believed it and tried to live up buckle and Virginia Rappe or the to it. Hence his luxu lous motor cars story of Zelda Crosby and her moving says the Health Department, has with their bizarre nountings and picture magnate will seriously affect there been a flea invasion of such profurnishing, his suites in exclusive hotels and his "pie throwing" orgies.

Too much money with no sense with strengthen the hand of the Puritan Brooklyn and Long Island and is estimated by the sense with strengthen the hand of the Puritan Brooklyn and Long Island and is estimated by the sense with strengthen the hand of the Puritan Brooklyn and Long Island and is estimated by the sense with strengthen the hand of the Puritan Brooklyn and Long Island and is estimated by the sense with the sense wi which to spend it, is the answer to element which has been seeking for tablished along the Atlantic coast atty Arbuckle.

The man whose affair with Zelda pictures and to say what shall and has made his headquarters in Green Crosby is said to have resulted in her what shall not be shown to he Amer-

Moralists Cry Out.

Already clergymen and other pro-But he is in moving fessional soul savers have raised their voices and their hands against a in shipments from Europe. He has death will reflect on the character of branch of activity than can show such terrible absence of morality. Billy The greatest evil the pictures in Sunday, that wise student of human erited from the stage was the matinature, advises that the "regulatore" ee idol or star system. But even if keep their hands off, that the moving

The American It was inevitable. Public Rappe-Arbuckle case and the tales laws giving control of the moveis David Wank Griffith, probably the into the hands of the reform element. greatest founative factor in the development of moving pictures as an millions of dollars that have been art, has never deviated from his exinvested in moving pictures. And



"Fatty" has suffered a change of facial expression | ago, the world looks rosy. But in those below, taken since his arrest on a charge of murder. It's the same car, but a different man, somewhat, at the wheel. For in the top photograph of "Fatty," taken some time

on his arrival to face Mrs. Delmonte's charges, black clouds had gathered, and the film star's face reflects the gloom.

Health Department Calls for Aid to Combat Invasion From Europe.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 .- With the war all secretly settled and the people of this country beginning to get ac- tenant. customed to an administrative era of peace and plenty of privation, came intoxication." yesterday the startling announcement that we are even now attacked by land, sea and air by an enemy numerically greater than the combined forces of all participants in the European conflict. The invaders are fleas.

Never in the history of this city says the Health Department, has wich Village.

Just where the invaders came from nobody knows—probably started from scratch—but Joseph Lonergan, chief partment, believes the fleas arrrived received complaints of the flea drive from all parts of the city, and says unable to cope with the situation. A call for volunteers has been sounded Asked for flea preventives and remdies, Commissioner Copeland handed out a small volume which, he said, he bought in London. The author asserts that "a piece of plate glass dabbed on the spot where the flea is felt bit ing often detains him until he can be lealt with at leisure.

Setenced to Attend Church. DENVER, Col., Sept. 25.-Louis Eptein and Louis Pardue were found guilty of keeping a gambling house. They were sentenced to attend church very Sunday for six months

Collier Reaches Chile. SANTIAGO, Chill, Sept. 25 .- Wil liam M. Collier, the new United States alinment.

His prototype in the comedy field scandals that are the result of the with Mrs. Collier, making the trip off the streets where the rioting has ras Mack Sennet who found and destar system. And the answer is from the United States by way of prevailed, fearing a renewal of the ras Mack Sennet who found and destar system. And the answer is from the United States by way of eloped Charles Chaplin, Charlie Murthat the star system must go. Buenos Ayres.

SAILOR SEEKS ARREST: POLICE ACCOMMODATE HIM

Fitzmorris, twenty-six years old, a eaman of No. 225 Bowery, went to the East 126th street station late last night and asked Lieut. Edward Frazier for permission to leave \$79 in his care. Frazier said he had no authority to carry on a banking business and requested Fitzmorris to leave the station. Fitzmorris refused. suggesting that the lieutenant arrest him and lock him us so as to get possession of his money and thus protect him from bandits. Frazier again refused and Fitzmorris pondered for a moment, then started out the door.

"Just a moment," said the lieu-enant. "I have changed my mind. You are arrested on a charge of Fitzmorris was then

Armored Cars Patrol City After Two Nights of Fighting. City Quiet Today.

BELFAST, Sept. 25 .- A tense quiet last forty-eight hours. For two consecutive nights flerce rioting has raged in a section of the

revolvers have engaged een killed and many wounded. The crown forces were in complete of the situation today. routed out the rioters with machine gun volleys and cleared the streets.

cilled and a score wounded. The battle of machine guns and rifles was sensational. The gunmen odged themselves in points of vantage and defied entrance of the troopers Only the stinging fire of the rapid fire machine guns dislodged them.

Hungary Gets Ultimatum From Jugo-Slavia to Evacuate Mooted Territory.

PARIS, Sept. 25.-Czecho-Slovakia and Jugo-Slavia have taken upor the Austro-Hungarian dispute over Burgenland without waiting for the decision of the allied ambassadors, it was announced today from Vienna.

The two new nations, one of then Jugo-Slavia, itself on the verge or a possible war over the boundaries. stepped in suddenly with an ultimatum to Hungary, ordering the Hungarians to evacuate the disputed strip of territory along the Austrian bor er before Saturday. September 24, otherwise, the ultimatum said, the wo Slav states would declare war Hungary, in response to this drastic immediately negotiated with the intervening states, which to day offered Austria mediation, on a basis of concessions by both sides. A strip of land known as "West Hun-gary" had been ceded to Austria by the ambassadors' council in Paris, but Hungarians recently seized the territory and fired upon Austrians who were moving in. The Hungarian govtoday hung over the east side of Bel- ernment then dispatched a note to the the regular force of exterminators is fast, where armored cars patrolled the ambassadors' council, declaring that streets to prevent a feared renewal of the cession of the territory to Austria the rioting which has raged for the would mean the breaking up of Hun-

gary.
The "little entente"—Serbia, Czech Slovakia, and Rumania were reported to be preparing a note to the ambassadors' council, asking permission t Gunmen, armed with rifles and troopers. send military representatives to Hunto demand disarmament. It was felt that the situation was drifting to ward war. Then came the sudden move on the part of the Slav states which has apparently postponed any immediate hostilities, although Austria is not expected to recede from her check-up on last night's casualties brought the known death list to three position approved by the allies.

Cutting His False Teeth.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.-Joseph Tataska was awakened in Brooklyn something he swallowed and found it was his false teeth, which were choking him to death. A
Greenpoint Hospital surgeon got
them out. Tatasca will remove them hereafter on retiring.

Three of Four Bombs Launched Hit Alabama-Effect of Gas Shells Lasting.

By RANDOLPH C. SHAW,

CHESAPEAKE BAY, off Tangler Island, via Seaplane to Norfolk, Va., Sept. 25 .- By air bomb attacks as successfully executed at night as by day, the old battleship Alabama rests aground here riddled from stem to

Another question of the air vulnerability of capital ships has been decided. Darkness, it was proved, offers no bar to the air attack against which Friday's test showed the battle-

ship to be vulnerable. Guiding their operations by recently perfected parachute flares which paled the moonlight by a brilliance as bright as the sun, a squadron of Mar-tin bombers proceeded to the attack. Themselves invisible in the glare shed downward, the planes launched four gigantic TNT bombs and only the drone of the motors gave warning of the fate which impended. Suddenly even the brilliance of the flares was surpassed by the geyser of flame which shot up from the dark hulk of the Alabama.

Three of Four Bombs Hit. Three of the four bombs reached heir mark. One hit directly on the

bridge, the "brain" of the ship, and rendered it a tangled mass of steel plates and wreckage. The other two also exploded in the vitals of the ship. When army and navy boards of observers examined the results they found a sad relif of the one time pride of the American navy. The effect of the night bombs and those laid on her decks today had been to rip the forward portiton of the ship open as if the work had been accomplished by a giant can opener. A hit on the bow had raised the armor plate and all the forward superstrucure high in the air. In the view of Rear Admiral Fullam that hit alone was sufficient to put the vessel out of acttion.

War Conditions Met. Conditions of warfare were met in the night bombing, the planes flying without night bombing sights, the first time it has ever been attempted under such conditions.

Of tests carried out yesterday only one phase proved unsuccessful. From a height approximating 5,000 feet, Martin bombers attempted to place 1,100-pound armor-plercing shells on deck in such a fashion that the hull

would be torn open.
Six bombs were dropped, but all missed by less than 100 feet. In view of the height from which launched and the fact the Alabama presented only a lengthwise target, that was considered by air service observers a remarkable example of accurate place-

One of the most spectacular phases of vesterday's operations was the attack eight-year-old son, \$10,000 attorneys' ing before the appeal could be filed. by squadrons of speedy Sopwith sin- fee and alimony of \$1,500 a month. gle-seaters. Diving down from sev eral thousand feet, these diminutive air wasps raked the decks with machine gunfire and threw twenty-five pound copper "personnel" the Alabama. One bomb carried away the wireless antennae. Another demolished the searchlights. As evidencing the theoretical demoralizing effect on the ship's per sonnel of the tear gas dropped yes-

terday, the remains of the gas were so powerful late this afternoon that all boarding the Alabama were forced to wear gas masks. Brigader General Mitchell, assist-

ant chief of the army air service, personally directed the attacks. Perfect weather favored the operations,

DIGS OWN GRAVE, THEN KILLS SELF, TOPPLING IN

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Lying in a shallow grave, which the police believe he dug himself, the body of an unidentified man was found in Edgecombe Park, partly covered by a heap of leaves and brambles, by Tobia Russo, a park employe yes-

The man, who was about 40 years old and wore a blue serge suit of good material, was shot through the forehead. A revolver was found near the body.

INVENTOR SAYS HIS PLANE WILL CARRY 250 PERSONS

LIMA, Ohio, Sept. 25.—Four years of painstaking effort, planning and sleepless nights have resulted in a combination heliocopter and giant air-plane that will fly, the inventer, Israel Williams, says.
Williams will exhibit a model of the

machine at the "made in Lima" ex-Plans for building this type of machine in Canada are under way. It will carry both freight and passengers. A forty-horsepower engine is required, and cabins, with room for 250 pas-

COSTLY FURS IN DEMAND

AT NEW YORK AUCTION NEW YORK, Sept. 25 .- The sixth annual fur auction ended yesterday wit hraceoon and squirrel command-ing best prices, and in heavy demand. The total for the week's sale was announced as \$3,265,000.

Buyers commented on the unusual demand for expensive furs, large amounts of which have been withdrawn from warehouses, presaging, they declared, a possible shortage of manufactured goods in the retail market.



What a Nice, Plump MOVIE FOLK ALL! He Grows Up.



When John Fiumoo Gramantanio, of Everett, Mass., grows up he promises to be the "heftiest" young man in the country. If the movies can make use of a real fat fellow this will be the big chance. John is only seven years old now and weighs the mean little total of 275 pounds. Can you imagine what he may weigh when reaches manhood?

Fact That McElroy Dragged Her by Hair Is Minor Complaint in Divorce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 25 .-That he took away her two automobiles and failed to return them is one of the chief grievances of Mrs. Mar-guerite M. P. McElroy, singer, who instituted divorce proceedings here agamst her millionaire husband, John B. McElroy, of New York, alleging

Incidentally, she claims, he later

Mrs. McElroy is the daughter of Ralph E. Prime, former deputy attor ney general of New York State. says her husband and she had com munity property amounting to \$1 000, but that he is heir to some \$30. 000,000, now the estate of his moth er, Mrs. Mary McElroy, of Provi dence, R. I.

MOVIE FOLKS ARE THRIFTY. WALLACE REID DECLARES

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—Wallace Reid, in referring to the "wild orgies" n Hollywood, says that it reminds im of the negro who, when asked by his boss to change a \$5 bill, said, 'Much obliged for the compliment but I ain't got no five dollahs. says Wally, "we're much obliged for the compliment about our wild expenditures, but we don't spend our money that way.'

Flier Killed Before Throng.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 25 .leut. Arthur Emerson was killed here late yesterday while attempting to change from one airplane to another at the State fair grounds. Six thousand persons saw him fall 200 feet.

Gets 10 Years for \$1 Robbery. WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 25 .eon Martin was sentenced by Judge tobinson to serve ten years in the State penitentiary. Martin had pleaded guilty to highway robbery.

GOOD, DECL

Elinor Glyn Says World Does Not Appreciate Great Work of Film Artists.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 .- A.I moving picture people aren't bad.

On the contrary, most of them are good, sweet, delightful folk. So at least thinks Elinor Glyn British woman novelist, who has been spending several months in the Hollywood film colony and who passed through New York on her way back to her

"I cannot understand why the public

seems to fail to appreciate the wondertul work the moving picture colony in California is doing to entertain the world," said Miss Glyn. "I know from rsonal experience that the things said about them are victously unjust." Miss Glyn was indignant during a greater part of the interview. She could not hide her resentment of the attacks made on her motion picture riends by their many adverse critics. Only once did she alluge to the rbuckle case and that was to dismiss t as too nauseating for discussion. "I have a natural abhorrence of mything that is hideous," she declared. "I have not read one word of the Arbuckle case and do not intend to do so." .

PORTER GOT 25 CENTS FOR FINDING \$10,000 RUBY PIN

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25.—Passengers one of the sleeping-cars from Springs were aroused before daylight recently by the announce ment of one of the passengers that had lost his eleven-carat ruby stickpin, which he asserted was worth \$10,000 or more.

On the demand fo the passenger, W. A. Gamble, a Little Rock life insurance man, a telegram was sent to the St. Louis police. When po cemen met the train at union station they were informed that the pin had been found by the porter in an upper berth, a few seats from the lower, which the Little Rock man occupied. Gamble said the mistake was his, and gave the porter a quarter for finding the pin.

PREVENTS EXTRADITION THROUGH HABEAS CORPUS

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 .- A writ of habeas corpus preventing his extradition to Nashville, Tenn., was granted to Meyer Ripstein today by Federal Judge Garvin in Brooklyn. Ripstein is wanted by the Federal authorities in Atlanta on an indictment character. Atlanta on an indictment charging criminal receipt of platinum stolen from a Government munitions plant

there. At the same time Judge Garvin gave the Government thirty days in which to prepare an appeal from his ruing beat her and dragged her about by the hair.

Mrs. McEiroy asks custody of their assume the risk of Ripstein disappear.

CONGRESS OF BANKERS

DURING DISARM PARLEY PARIS. Sept. 25. - Information eaching here today affirms current umors that a world congress of bank ers, creditors and debtors will be held Washington during the forthcoming disarmament conference. An ef-fort will be made to devise ways and means for stabilizing foreign ex-

change It is hoped that arrangements may also be made whereby Europe can at least pay the interest on her debts to the United States. In financial circles it is rumored that banking inerests are urging the franc be established at 15 to the dollar.

WOMEN DESERT RALLY

TO VISIT BARGAIN SALE NEW YORK, Sept. 25.-A bar gain sale at a woman's clock and suit house interfered with the feminine attendance at the unem women's demonstration yesterday in Union square.

While two policemen were kept basy handling a clamoring mob of bargainhunters across the street, police reserves around the speaker's stand in the square had nothing to do, for less than a dozen women appeared for the rally. Several hundred idlers and jobless men gathered and listened to the speakers.

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